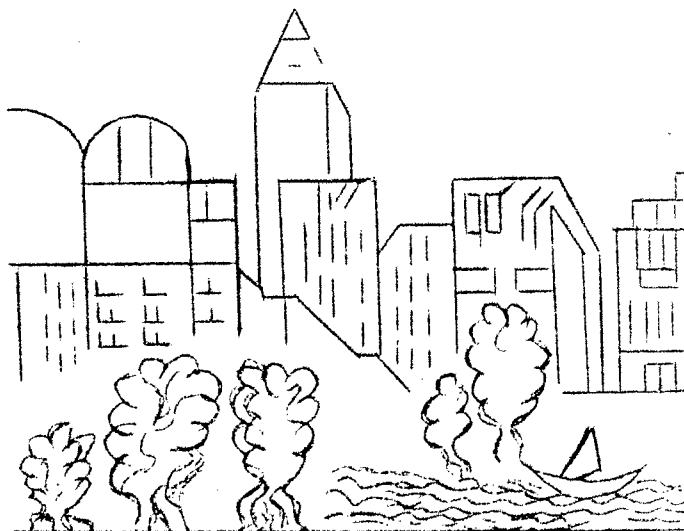


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NEIGHBORS and FRIENDS

We Cordially Invite You

To Meet a Distinguished Panel of Experts and Participate in a Discussion on

EDUCATION

The Date is: Thursday, September 10
 Time: 7:30 P.M. - Coffee Time
 8:15 P.M. - Program Starts
The Place: Amidon School
 4th & "I" Sts., S.W.
 In: The All Purpose Room
 Enter: On "I" St., S.W.

WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT

1. Which school should
 my child go to
2. Can he get there and
 back home safely
3. What do you think your
 child should learn
4. Is enough money being
 spent on each of our
 schools

HOW CAN THESE PANEL SPEAKERS HELP YOU

Dr. Mordecai Johnson
Dr. Euphemia Haynes
Mrs. Louise Steele
Members of the D.C. Board of Education

Mrs. Ann Stultz
Mrs. Sue Willens
D.C. League of Women Voters

Officer William G. Wood
School Safety Officer
4th Police Precinct, S.W.

JULY MEETING FEATURED:
PRACTICAL MATTERS, NON-PARTISAN POLITICS, AND
A CINEMATIC VIEW OF THE 'FUTURE' S.W. HARBOR - AND HOW LOVELY IT WAS!

Our sincere thanks to our good neighbor Church, St. Matthew's Lutheran at "M" and 2nd Sts., for their gracious hospitality in providing the Assembly with a meeting place on Wednesday, July 29. In the comfortable air-conditioned hall, our Chairman, Edward Sylvester opened the meeting with a reading of the minutes by Secretary Frank Weil, and reports from Task Force Chairmen.

A very encouraging note was expressed by Mrs. Chaimas, who reported for the Chairman of the Employment T. F., Joseph Latimore, that they had succeeded in securing jobs for a number of youths from the S.W. They intended to continue these efforts, she affirmed. Both Miss Marjorie Lash, Chairman of the Recreation T. F., and Neal Peirce, Chairman of the S.W. Community Council, discussed the successful July Festival of the Arts for which a Southwest restaurant, school, and area churches provided the appropriate settings. The scope of the work of the Education T. F. was summarized by David Glancy, the Chairman. To realize the goals set by this T. F., Mr. Glancy emphasized that volunteers were urgently needed.

With the most important November elections less than 1 month away, the October Assembly meeting will be devoted to a non-partisan discussion of issues and candidates. The program for that evening (to be announced) will incorporate the many positive suggestions made from the floor. Last item of business, but certainly not least, was the announcement by Mr. Blaisdell, of the D.C. Health Department, that a Mobile X-ray Unit had been set up in the Southwest for the 1st week of August. We hope that many Southwesterners availed themselves of this most important 'preventive medicine' facility.

Our speaker of the evening was the very well known Washington architect, Mrs. Cloethiel Woodard Smith. She took us on a delightful 'safari,' through the medium of colored slides, from a look at the exciting panorama of the 'future' S.W. Harbor, to existing charming river-front developments in Georgetown, Texas, and a number of countries in Europe. The audience "oh'ed," "ah'ed," and "hoped!," sometimes all in one physically exhausting split second, as the pictures 'raced' through 'space.' The question and answer period which followed the showing of the slides revealed that there was much protocol and frustration to contend with before the Harbor could be developed into a "place of beauty and relaxation," not only for Southwesterners, but for all Washingtonians and visitors to our Capital.

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**** A.....MOST.....IMPORTANT.....REMINDER ****

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER?

As of August 30, 1964, nearly 175,000 Washington residents have signed up to vote in the November 3rd presidential balloting. Many thousands of Washington residents who are eligible to vote in November, have failed to register and will be unable to participate in the coming elections.

There is still time for you, your friends, neighbors, and relatives, TO REGISTER SO THAT YOU ALL CAN VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION!

REGISTER AT THE: District Building - Every Day: Monday thru Friday - in ROOM 8
OR ... From: 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Precinct 91 - BOWEN Elementary - Every Friday and Saturday, on September 4-5;
School, Delaware & "M" Sts., S.W. 11-12; and 18-19.
Hours: Fridays: 5 to 9 PM; Sat.: 9 to 9 PM

THE AIMS OF A TASK FORCE

HEALTH SERVICES: Concerned with the identification and analysis of needs, and long range proposals for all types of health services for citizens of the Southwest.

EDUCATION: To secure for every child, regardless of race, creed, or economic status, the very best that our educational system has to offer, so that he is equipped to participate in every phase of American society: the intellectual, economic, and political.

RECREATION: To supplement present recreational facilities in the S.W., and to investigate ways of expanding activities for each age group, both male and female.

EMPLOYMENT: To increase job opportunities for young people, both through recruitment of labor talent and contact with potential employers in industry and government.

PUBLICITY: Through posters in schools, business and residential buildings, announcements in area Churches, and distribution of the monthly SOUTHWESTER - to acquaint you all with What is Happening in Our Community, and What is being planned for the Future.

GUIDE BOOK ON S.W.: To develop a comprehensive index of all business establishments, health & welfare agencies, public institutions, schools, churches, recreational facilities, etc. in the Southwest.

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WE NEED WOMEN TO HELP TEEN-AGE GIRLS

Joined by the mutual desire to assist teenagers, Mrs. Elisabeth Nagy, Co-Chairman of the Southwest Assembly, and the D.C. Recreation Department have coordinated their efforts in planning for an organized Girls' Club in the Southwest.

Last winter, the CLAIROL company sponsored SELF-IMPROVEMENT lectures for a group of 15 S.W. teenagers. The meetings were held at GREENLIEF RECREATION CENTER and stressed good grooming, how to look for a job, cooking simple meals, sewing one's clothes, etc. The DC Rec. Dept. would like to expand the subjects covered and enroll former members as well as new recruits. A permanent CLUB is anticipated.

Mrs. Nagy would like women volunteers to work with these youngsters. To teach the girls how to sew, cook, dress, conduct themselves - skills you have but which these children lack. Contact Mrs. Nagy and offer your valuable assistance.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT: John Smith had once explored our South West area? or that land in the SW was called ROME?

Pat Mahoney says that these are HISTORICAL FACTS! We'll tell you more in the OCTOBER Issue of THE SOUTHWESTER

SCHEDULED MEETINGS - ALL ARE WELCOME

Monday, September 14 --- at 8 P.M.
1372 - 4th St., SW (River Park)
Donald P. Conwell, Chairman

Thursday, September 17 -- 8:30 PM
347 "O" St., SW (River Park)
David Glancy, Chairman

Monday, September 21 --- at 8 P.M.
1301 Delaware Ave., SW (River Pk)
Apt. N-515
Marjorie Lash, Chairman

Date To Be Announced
Joseph Latimore, Chairman

Date To Be Announced
Lanng G. Beran, Chairman

Date To Be Announced
M. Pat Mahoney, Chairman

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We Need YOUR help! Please Volunteer to Serve on any one of the Task Forces -
Your ideas will be welcomed! Your suggestions will be appreciated!

FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW - TEAR OFF ON THE DOTTED LINE - AND MAIL TO THE CHAIRMAN

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

TASK FORCE _____ Phones: Home _____ Office _____

My interests are: _____

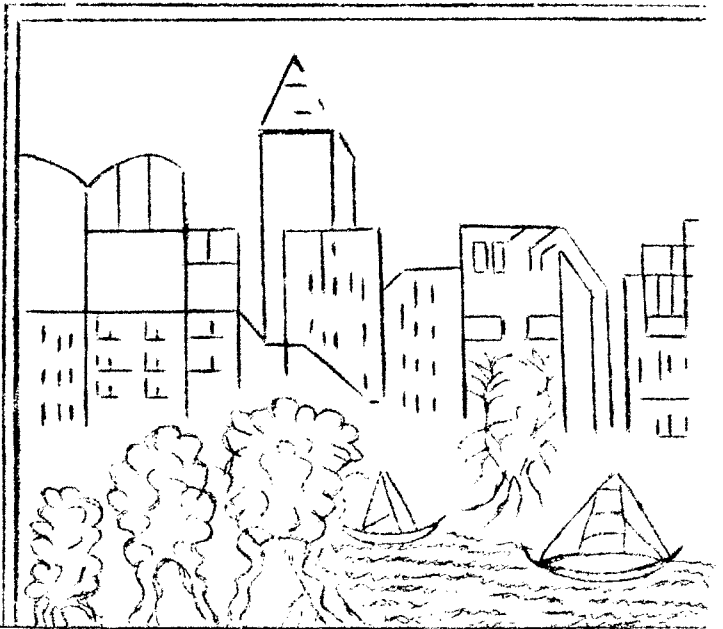
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NEIGHBORS and FRIENDS: Both OLD and NEW

We Cordially Invite and Urge You to Attend

The 1st S.W. Neighborhood Assembly Meeting of 1965: A MOST IMPORTANT ONE!

Concerning - ELECTIONS, ACTIVITY REPORTS, and DISCUSSION OF VITAL COMMUNITY ISSUES
Chairman, S.W. Neighborhood Assembly: Edward C. Sylvester, Jr.

- 1) Election of Assembly Officers for 1965
- 2) Annual Reports of Task Force Chairmen
- 3) Report by Neal R. Peirce,
President, S.W. Community Council Inc.
- 4) Location of Embassy Chancery Sites in S.W.

****NOTE:** See back of Notice for Names of Officer
Candidates, Voting Procedure, and in-
formation on SW Community Issues

The Date is: Tuesday, February 2

Time: 7:45 P.M. - Coffee Time

8:15 P.M. - Start of Meeting

The Place: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
"M" and 2nd Sts., S.W.

Enter: On "M" St., S.W.

GENERAL SLATE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES

Mr. Donald P. Conwell
Mr. Leon B. Fields
Mrs. Patricia Thomas
* Rev. Alfred R. Shands, III
Miss Shirley Lockwood

Mr. Edward L. Gresham
Mr. Joseph Latimore
Mr. Frank E. G. Weil
Mr. David M. Glancy
Miss Lucie A. Portier

* Rev. Shands withdrew his nomination

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS WILL BE WELCOMED AND VOTED ON AT THE MEETING

VOTING PROCEDURE

The Nominating Committee recommends the following voting procedure for the election of Officer Candidates for 1965. If the assembled members prefer other procedures than the one described below, the Chairman will consider these suggestions.

1. This year's voting procedure differs from last year's. There are no specific candidates nominated for each Assembly Office. There is only a GENERAL SLATE of candidates.
2. Starting with the Office of Chairman, the General Slate of Candidates listed above will be voted for. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected as Chairman of the Assembly.
3. In voting for the Office of Co-Chairman, all the remaining candidates on the General Slate will be considered for this office. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected Co-Chairman.
4. The same procedure described above will then apply to voting for Secretary and Treasurer of the Assembly.

The Community activities of the Officer Candidates will be described at the Meeting before the voting takes place.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE SOUTHWEST

The District Commissioners will hold public hearings in February to consider the following:

1. The approval of the D.C. Planning Commission of the development plans for the Town Center Area which includes shopping facilities, parking, and building construction.
2. Proposal to locate Embassy Chancery sites in S.W.

The Neighborhood Assembly will send representatives to sit in on these public hearings and to express the sentiments of the SW residents. Representatives from the SW Community Council, which represents the civic, business, and social welfare groups in the SW, will also be present at these public hearings. The Assembly has ten (10) representatives on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Community Council Inc.

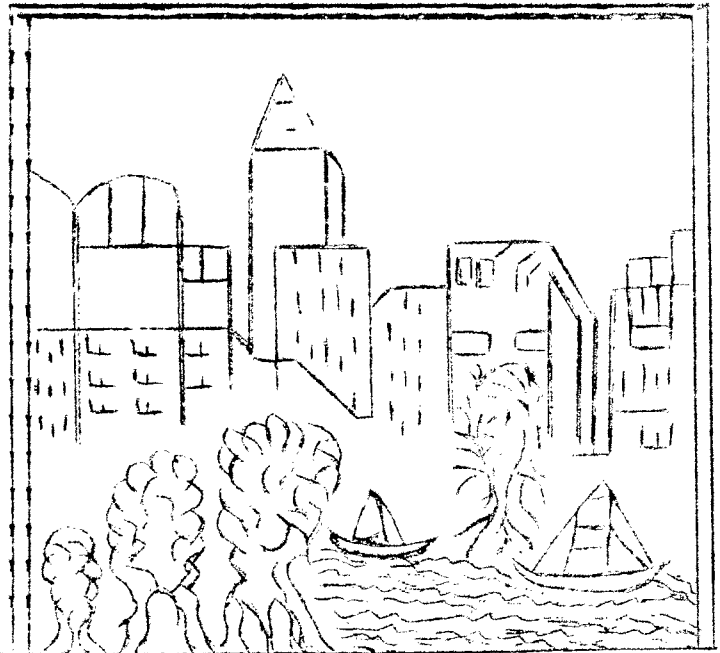
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Editor: Miss Lanng G. Beran

NEIGHBORS and FRIENDS: We Cordially Invite You
To Attend a Very Interesting Assembly Meeting At Which

WALTER WASHINGTON
Executive Director, National Capital Housing Authority

Will Discuss The Exciting Plans For

THE BEAUTIFICATION OF WASHINGTON AND OUR OWN S.W.

The Date is: Monday, March 8

Time: 7:30 PM - Coffee Time
8:00 PM - Start of Meeting

The Place: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
"M" & 2nd Sts SW - Enter on "M" St.

AGENDA: Assembly approval of Task Force
Chairmen and Delegates to the SW
Community Council (See pg 4)
Reports from Health and Education
Task Force Chairmen

HOW WE WELCOME GIFTS - AND THE GIVER - TO OUR "EMBATTLED" COMMUNITY!

Amid the unlovely mud, the dune-like thoroughfares, the Goliath bulldozers, and the defiant dissonance of precision machinery -

comes The First Lady: MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON

to affirm that the Southwest will be Beautified - with stately trees and multi-colored plants! Mrs. Johnson's neighborly visit will take place on .. TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 9th, from 10 - 11 A.M.

**More information regarding this event will be given at Assembly Meeting

It was a lively and interesting meeting on Tuesday night, February 2, when SW citizens gathered at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at "M" & 2nd Sts, SW, to express their views on issues affecting their interests in the community, and their selection of a new slate of Assembly officers for 1965. In his capacity as 1964 Chairman of the Assembly, Edward C. Sylvester, Jr., presided at this meeting.

The reports of activities conducted by the Task Forces during 1964 were presented by the respective Chairmen. Although the accomplishments this past year were encouraging, it was also indicated that only increased citizen participation could assure the full realization of the community's program objectives.

With all due respect to the two major political parties in our country, the voting procedure which prevailed at the Assembly election of officers was truly "Democracy in Action." The elected officials for 1965 are: Joseph Latimore, Chairman; Frank E. G. Weil, Co-Chairman; Miss Lucie A. Portier, Secretary; John Nicholson, Treasurer. The nominees for 1965 Task Force Chairmen and the ten (10) delegates to the SW Community Council, representing the Assembly, were to be decided upon at the first executive meeting of the newly elected officers (see page 4 for names of nominees and designees).

Mr. Neal Peirce, President of the S.W. Community Council, reported that the Council was considering possible participation in a medium income housing project to be located between River Park and Fort McNair. The financing for this project would come under Section No. 221 (d) (3) of the Housing Act. The Council is considering participation with Citizens for Better Housing, as co-sponsors of such a project.

On issues affecting the Southwest, the Assembly voted approval on the possible location of Embassy Chancery sites in the area, however, no stand was taken on 'density' with respect to the development plans of the Town Center's shopping and building construction. The Assembly also voted its approval of the position expressed by the Task Force Chairman on Education, David Glancy, regarding "modification of the D.C. schools' track system." Mr. Glancy will present his position in testimony before the Board of Education. (Editor's note: A public hearing on the merits of the District's school track system was held on Thursday, February 4, at the Sharpe Health School Auditorium. According to Gerald Grant of the Washington Post, nearly 600 people attended the hearing, and opinion was sharply divided on the merits of the system. Mr. Glancy's testimony was reported in the Post's edition of Friday, February 5, page 1, Section C1).

SOUTHWESTERS REPRESENTED AT PUBLIC HEARINGS

DC HEARING on SW URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, February 5: Neal R. Peirce, President, SW Community Council, pointed out that the increased population coming into the SW makes it imperative that additional shopping facilities be constructed as soon as possible. He also pointed out that the location of Chanceries in the area would add to the diversity of our urban community. Joseph Latimore, Assembly Chairman, was also present at this Hearing. The Assembly's position was approval of Chancery sites, but did not take any stand on 'density' - Town Center's development plans.

HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE on DC, HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE; On Friday, March 5, at 7:10 PM in Room 362, Old House Office Bldg, Joseph Latimore, Assembly Chairman, will offer testimony in support of (a) increased Welfare Funds, (b) fewer relief investigators, (c) more social workers, (d) strengthening the Foster Family Program, and (e) more Public Housing.

First of all I want to thank you, neighbors and friends of the S.W. Assembly, for electing me as your Chairman for the year 1965. Secondly, I would like to thank you again for providing me with a well-rounded and qualified Executive Board, each member of which I feel is tops!

Because the Assembly represents the official citizens' voice of the entire S.W., I am sure that you realize that now is the time, and not tomorrow, for us to plan and work toward a community program that will not only enrich our 'rebirthed' quarter of the city, but sets standards that other areas find desirable to follow. It is my sincere hope and prayer that all of us will work shoulder to shoulder with one common goal in mind - to produce a new image of the Southwest - a community in which people are served, business interests are recognized and encouraged, and the civic, social, and welfare groups are responsive to all.

In order for us to get to know one another, and to acquaint us with the various activity groups, your Executive Board is planning our next meeting around a program whereby representatives from existing S.W. organizations will be invited to present their aims and objectives. Among others, such organizations are the S.W. Community House, Area M Board, Commissioners' Youth Council, Greenleaf Tenants' Council, S.W. PTA's, Boys' and Girls' Scouts, Cub Scouts, Cavalier Athletic Association, Citizens' Activities Council No. 4 Precinct, Metropolitan Police, etc. This meeting will provide the citizens of the S.W. the unique opportunity to participate in a discussion of issues and programs which directly affect their well-being. We hope that every one of you will come, hear, and comment.

It is my sincere hope that peace and brotherhood will prevail in our community so that we can devote all our energies to work for one common objective: to create and maintain meaningful programs that will be helpful in making this Capital the showplace of the world.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH LATIMORE

PROGRESS REPORTS

The Task Force on Health met on February 24 at the home of the Chairman, Dr. Donald P. Conwell, and reports:

- 1) That work is continuing on the compilation of all pertinent information regarding health services in the community. They hope that in the near future such a listing will be available to new SW residents.
- 2) A project plan, under the direction of Miss Lucia Rapley, envisions volunteers to help people with health problems get the services they need.
- 3) That they would like to cooperate with Education and Recreation Task Forces for use of "Plays for Living" at PTA meetings to emphasize the health problems of SW residents.

John Nicholson reports that a "Guide to SW," a cooperative project of the Assembly and Community Council, will be distributed, late this Spring, to all residents. The "Guide" will include a short history of SW's beginning, growth, and prominent citizens; a thumbnail sketch of noncompleted building projects; important listings of commercial, religious, all welfare and municipal services; tax guides for those new to Washington.

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For approval of the Assembly at the March 8 Meeting, the Executive Board recommends the following appointments:

TASK FORCE

HEALTH SERVICES
EDUCATION
EMPLOYMENT
RECREATION
PUBLIC RELATIONS
Editor, The Southwester
Guide Book on Southwest
PROGRAM and PARTICIPATION

CHAIRMAN

Dr. Donald P. Conwell
David Glancy
Walter Greene
Henry Loving

Miss Ianng G. Beran
Ronald Palmer
Barney Farber

DELEGATES TO SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1) Joseph Latimore
2) Frank E. G. Weil
3) Miss Lucie A. Portier
4) John Nicholson
5) Dr. Donald P. Conwell
6) David M. Glancy
7) Walter Greene
8) Mrs. Virginia Jefferson
9) Edward C. Sylvester, Jr.
10) Neal R. Peirce

We Need YOUR Help! Please Volunteer to Serve on Any One of the TASK FORCES
Your Ideas will be Welcomed! Your Suggestions will be Appreciated!

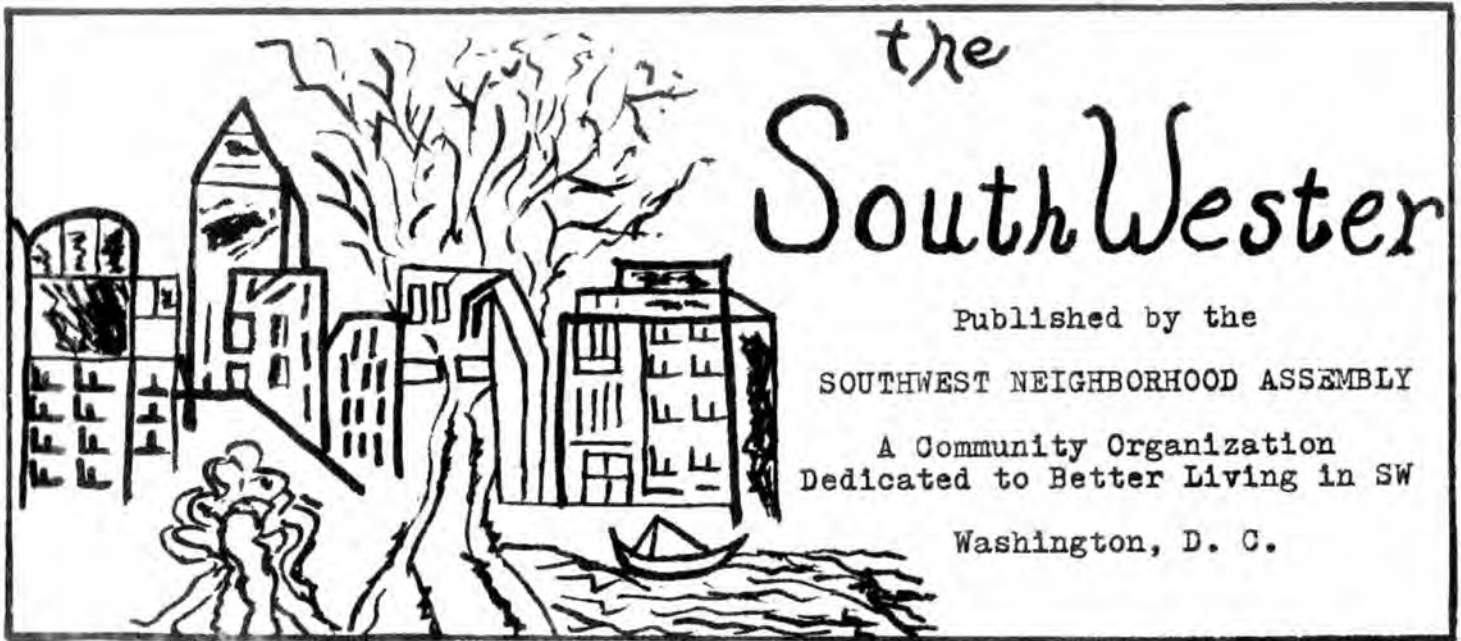
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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

TASK FORCE _____ PHONES: Home _____ Office _____

My interests are _____

My suggestions are _____



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May 1965

Editor: Miss Lanng G. Beran

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS: Are YOU a DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN, or INDEPENDENT VOTER?

Regardless of political affiliation, as District residents, you are equally denied the right to vote for local self-government.

In lieu of Home Rule, the People's Voice is heard at area meetings of organized residents - our ASSEMBLY, for example.

But the ASSEMBLY is one among many civic groups - and it is important that we establish communication with the others.

To achieve such communication means affiliation with either one of two District Federations: The CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION, or The CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The two Federations have basic differences with respect to race, and the relative importance of specific local issues.

A full and frank discussion of Programs and Objectives of each Federation will be presented at the ASSEMBLY meeting.

We Suggest You ATTEND, PARTICIPATE, and DECIDE!

The DATE is: <u>Monday, May 24</u>	TIME: <u>7:30 - Coffee</u> <u>8:00 - Meeting Time</u>
The PLACE: <u>St. Matthew's Lutheran Church</u>	"M" & 2nd Sts., SW, Enter "M" St.

ANNOUNCING PUBLICATION
OF THE FIRST ANNUAL

"Southwest" GUIDE

INCLUDES

- * FASCINATING HISTORY OF SOUTHWEST
- ** URBAN RENEWAL: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE
- *** DIRECTORIES: ORGANIZATIONS; SERVICES
- **** CHURCHES: ACTIVITIES; FACILITIES
- ***** USEFUL MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

THE 'TALK' WAS 'OF MANY THINGS'
AT APRIL MEETING

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things ..," and so it was on Tuesday night, April 27, when the Assembly met at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Neither "... shoes & ships & ceiling wax .." nor "cabbages & Kings" were discussed, but SW play areas - existing and contemplated; expansion of boys' clubs; D. C. educational budget and reform; welfare crisis; cultural activities; activities of Federated Associations in D.C.

Assembly Chairman Joseph Latimore, introduced Mrs. Doris Parker, Regional Director, DC Recreation Department. Mrs. Parker used a visual exhibit as she explained tentative plans for development of Greenleaf and Randall play areas. The very pleasing news that EAST POTOMAC PARK SWIMMING POOL would henceforth be operated as a FREE POOL for both children and adults, was announced by Mrs. Parker. (A leaflet listing time and Learn-to-Swim Program will be distributed to children throughout the area Schools.)

Capt. Farran, #4 Precinct, D.C. Police Dept., discussed the SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS, in Maryland, operated by the Police Dept., and supported by voluntary citizen contributions. Several Assembly members expressed strong feelings about the lack of a Metropolitan Police Boys' Club in the S. W. A committee was appointed to explore this issue in detail.

James Lewis, Executive Dir., Southwest Community House, presented a brief history of this organization. The diverse services offered to the community at SW House: cultural, recreational, and educational, were very impressive. The SW Community House is planning a Membership Drive: JUNE 20 thru JULY 15. We hope each of you will respond.

The activities of the "Cub & Scouts", for boys, was discussed by Mrs. Chumbris -- The Bowen PTA was represented by Mrs. Thomas; the Greenleaf Tenants' Council, by Mrs. Jefferson. St. Augustine's Play Parade was reported by Miss Portier. The DC Coalition of Conscience, was eloquently explained by Hugh Arnell.

THE FIRST ANNUAL
SOUTHWEST FUNDS DRIVE

To meet growing financial needs in the new Southwest, the S.W. Community Council, working in conjunction with the officers of the Neighborhood Assembly, has scheduled the FIRST ANNUAL SOUTHWEST FUNDS DRIVE, for late May and early June of this year.

The appeal will be carried to each resident of the Southwest area. Barney Farber, Chairman of the Program and Participation Task Force, SW Neighborhood Assembly, is in charge of an organized team of canvassers. In addition to residents, each real estate developer and business firm in the Southwest will be asked to make a "substantial" contribution. The new SOUTHWEST GUIDE will be distributed by the canvassers.

In addition to being asked for financial support, residents will be asked to contribute their time and talents to the SW by indicating the type of neighborhood activities in which they prefer participation. The goals of the SOUTHWEST FUNDS DRIVE ARE:

1. Support of Community Council activities Annual Arts Festival; Halloween Party for thousands of SW Children; costs of printing the SOUTHWEST GUIDE, etc.
2. Support of Neighborhood Assembly activities: those carried on by the Task Forces; expenses incurred by distribution of THE SOUTHWESTER to each Southwest resident; monthly meetings, etc.
3. Support of a wide range of SOUTHWEST PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN: Pre-School, Play Parade, Southwest Dance Group, Boys' Club, Summer Day Camp. Acting as a kind of "Red Feather" for the Southwest, the funds drive will seek to initiate and finance projects not now financed by sources such as the United Givers Fund, poverty program, etc. Support will be channeled through many community organizations.

The FUNDS DRIVE is being coordinated by the Council's Finance Committee, headed by Patrick J. Naughton, Manager, Capitol Park.

Neal R. Peirce, President
Southwest Community Council Inc.

TASK FORCES: PROGRESS REPORTS

At the suggestion of Chairman, Joseph Latimore, the HEALTH SERVICES TF has been reorganized to include the ancillary services of welfare. The expanded Task Force will now be called HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES. Dr. Donald P. Conwell, Chairman, TF HEALTH SERVICES since its inception some two years ago, remains as Chairman of the reorganized TF. Mrs. Elisabeth Nagy, former Co-Chairman of the SW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY --- has been designated to act as Co-Chairman of the expanded TF. The Assembly extends a gracious WELCOME BACK! to Liz Nagy. Dr. Conwell reports that the health information appearing in the soon-to-be released SOUTHWEST GUIDE, was provided by members of the original Health Services TF.

David Glancy, Chairman EDUCATION TF, plans to offer testimony, along with other civic and PTA groups, with respect to the DC 1967 School Budget.

Barney Farber, Chairman PROGRAM & PARTICIPATION TF, has been designated as Coordinator of the group of canvassers distributing the SOUTHWEST GUIDE and soliciting for contributions for SW activities. GOOD LUCK!

Miss Shirley Grasty, Co-Chairman EDUCATION TF, reports: "The Jr. and Senior High Tutorial Program is a real success. Starting back in February with 12 students, and two volunteers, we have now grown to forty students and 12 volunteers! Our students come from schools of Ballou, Dunbar, Hines, Gordon, Francis, Jefferson, Randall, Western, and Sousa. Our subjects include: algebra, commercial arithmetic, earth sciences, English, French, geography, geometry, and U.S. History. We will continue to meet through June 2nd, and then resume again in September. The volunteers are Lannng Beran, Barney Farber, Deborah Mills, Sheila Morgenstern, Barbara Shute, Marilyn Stevens, Evelyn Taylor, and the Xaverian Brothers Antonio, Ernest, Gabriel, and Joseph. We are in need of reference books: LEAVE AT DESK 301 G St SW Apt 806; PICK UP Call 628-3258"

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Albert Berkowitz, Branch Librarian, SW informs and welcomes all residents in the community to the New SOUTHWEST BRANCH OF THE D.C. PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Location: 7th & H Sts., SW

Week Days: Monday through Friday

Time: 12:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Week End: Saturday

Time: 9:00 to 1:00 P.M.

Let each one of us extend to this Branch
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At The NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART there is some very exciting news: "A priceless collection of impressionist and postimpressionist pictures almost wholly unseen by the public" is now on view at the GALLERY. The artists whose paintings are on exhibit include: PICASSO; DEGAS; TOULOUSE-LAUTREC; MATISSE; COROT; MODIGLIANI; RENOIR; DAUMIER; DERAINE; DUFY; GAUGUIN; VAN GOGH, and MONET.

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POLITICIAN'S REQUIREMENT: ABILITY TO READ - NOT NECESSARILY TO WRITE, NOR TO SPEECHIFY

The manifold troubles confronting our civilized world, and resulting unresolved problems, are attributable solely to literary neglect by politicians and statesmen! An absolute solution for one gnawing problem was brilliantly outlined some 250 years ago. Any politician familiar with the work of that fiery Irish Dean, Jonathan Swift's A MODEST PROPOSAL, would never be in the untenable position of: justifying a cut in welfare funds -stinginess?; regulating morality (not really!); piously deploring juvenile crime while adult 'street walkers' - sorry!- 'sleep walkers' paraded on the Sabbath! Swift's "concern" was FOR PREVENTING THE CHILDREN OF POOR PEOPLE IN IRELAND FROM BEING A BURDEN TO THEIR PARENTS OR COUNTRY, AND FOR MAKING THEM BENEFICIAL TO THE PUBLIC. For example: "... the charge of nursing a beggar's child (in which I reckon all cottagers, laborers, and four fifths of the farmers) to be about 2 shillings (50 cents)

per annum, rags included; I believe no gentleman would repine to give 10 shillings - for the carcass of a good, fat child, which ... will make 4 dishes of excellent nutritive meat, when some particular friend or his own family dine with him. Gentlemen who are more thrifty may flay the carcass; the skin of which artificially dressed will make admirable gloves for ladies and summer boots for fine gentlemen." ---- The latter sounds morbidly familiar!

SO --- when politicians acquire a taste for literature, these headlines will disappear:

2 CHILDREN SCALDED TO DEATH

(Mother worked-Day Care Center unavailable)

MARY ETHEREDGE AND 5 SMALL CHILDREN WANDER

HOPELESSLY AROUND DISTRICT

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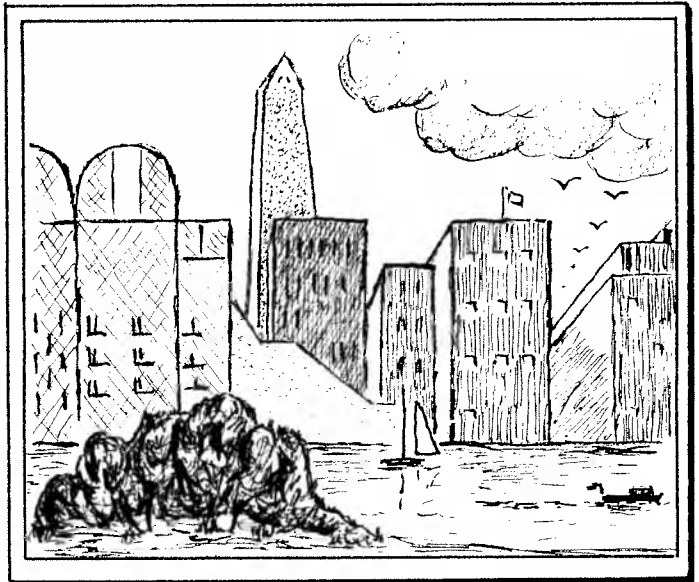
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NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS: We Invite You To Attend And Participate
In a REASONABLE, CONSTRUCTIVE, and
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL DISCUSSION on

HOW ... YOU ... CAN .. HELP COMBAT .. " CRIME "

4th Precinct Commanding Officer: Capt. William G. Farran says:

"SW Washington, by any objective standard, is a safe place to live. Its crime rate is the lowest in the District. Whether this enviable record is maintained depends, in part, on all of Southwest's residents."

OTHER SPEAKERS: Inspector Causey, Community Relations
Police Headquarters
Russell Bradley, Executive Director
National Conference of Christians & Jews

The DATE is: Thursday, June 24 TIME: 7:30 - Coffee 8:00 - Meeting Time
The PLACE: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church "M" & 2nd Sts., SW, Enter "M" St.

GERMANE ISSUES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PRE-EMPTED BY DISTRICT FEDERATIONS

A most important topic for discussion was held at the May meeting: the platform and objectives of the two DC Federated Associations: the Citizens and Civic. The programs of both Federations included matters which affect the daily life and well-being of every DC resident. Except for "undeveloped" countries, citizens express views on vital issues through support of elected officials; in the Nation's Capitol, the Federations have assumed the role delegated to self-governing communities. The prestige and influence of the two Associations are great; it was disappointing, therefore, to find relatively few SW residents in attendance for participation in the question and answer discussion.

President Joseph Latimore first introduced John R. Immer, President of the Citizens Association. Mr. Immer, a former Professor of industrial management, asserted that neighborhood groups (the Assembly, for example) safeguarded citizens' interests, therefore, DC Home Rule was not necessary. He outlined support for: increased school budgets; police dogs (initiated by his Association); greater police pensions; an increase in relief investigators; moderate income housing. Opposed to: Aid to Dependent Children (supported Sen. Bryd); downtown urban renewal; public housing. The 75 year-old Federation, with its WHITE ONLY clause, would be 'dropped' this Fall, said Mr. Immer.

William H. Thomas, President of the Civic Association, and a lawyer with the Social Security Administration, outlined his group's growth from 8 in 1921, to the current 41, and still growing. They supported: Home Rule; public housing; minimum wages; more welfare funds. Opposed: people displacement by freeways; primary track system. THE ASSEMBLY'S EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDS AFFILIATION WITH THE FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS. Discussion of this affiliation will be held at the JUNE MEETING.

PLEASE ATTEND TO DISCUSS AND VOTE!

THERAPY FOR RELEASE OF TENSIONS: UPHOLSTERING FURNITURE AT SW COMMUNITY HOUSE

At last I have found an escape from my many problems of everyday life - caring for my 7 children and my husband - through attending the Upholstery Class sponsored by SW House, Monday & Thursday nights, 7-9 PM.

My greatest problem now will be selecting a color and fabric for my sofa, after finishing 2 lovely chairs in burnt orange. But the job has been very interesting and lots of fun under the guidance of Mr. Frederick D. James, a master of his trade.

Attending Upholstery Class has allowed me to get away from the family for a few hours each week, and knowing that I am doing something constructive with my time. I have met many lovely people too numerous to name. I have enjoyed taking old discarded furniture, stripping it down to the frame, and watching it, step by step, return to a thing of beauty!

We discuss everything in Class - from politics to cooking, and the 2 hours spent on Monday & Thursday nights seem like minutes - the time goes so fast! I can't think of a better way of working off tensions and frustrations!

My THANKS to the SW House, and all the people who have made this program possible.

Mrs. Clara L. Brewer
207 "M" St., SW 544-3792

COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND DRIVE IN PROGRESS

A kickoff buffet supper for FUND DRIVE solicitors was held Wednesday June 2, at Capitol Park. Hogate's Restaurant generously provided the food, and Capitol Park management acted as host. Despite the heavy rainfall, there was a good turnout of people. The FUND DRIVE is now in FULL SWING! The solicitors' job is difficult. Will you cooperate in making this FUND DRIVE succeed? Show your appreciation to the voluntary solicitors by contributing generously!

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RIVER PARK CO-OPERATIVE needs a "Director-Teacher." If interested, and have had experience in this field

Call Mrs. Knoll 546-0064.

ASSEMBLY STILL PLUGGING FOR A METROPOLITAN POLICE BOYS' CLUB

In lieu of the immediate establishment of a boys' club, under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Police, an Assembly Committee proposed to the MPBC that a club be domiciled temporarily in the Hawthorne School. Joseph Latimore, Barney Farber, and Wayne Darrow, informed the Club Extension Committee of the MPBC that Mr. Orr, Headmaster of Hawthorne School, had very generously offered the use of the School's facilities provided that the MPBC would furnish the supervision and necessary maintenance. At the insistence of the Assembly Committee that a boys' club was an essential activity, the MPBC's representatives agreed to study the proposal and report to their Board of Directors. When a final decision is reached, the Assembly will be notified of the results.

EDUCATION 'CRISIS' IN SOUTHWEST

The following resolution was submitted at the May meeting of the Assembly:

"I urge that emergency study and action be undertaken by the EDUCATION TF, concerning itself with the urgent problem of SAVE AMIDON SCHOOL FOR THE WHOLE SW: to prevent the imminent conversion of special-purpose rooms at AMIDON into classrooms for the new school year, as announced by Mrs. Miller, Principal, at the parents' meeting, and as published in AMIDON NOTES (Newsletter)."

Joseph C. Hutchinson
301 "G" St., SW Apt. 713 737-1544

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through Labor Day Saturday & Sunday: 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

FREE "LEARN-TO-SWIM" PROGRAM FOR BOYS & GIRLS

AGE: 7 to 15 years

DAYS: Monday through Friday

HOURS: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

PROGRAM EXTENDS: From: June 21 To: August 27

Each "LEARN-TO-SWIM" Class lasts for a Period of two (2) Weeks
Children must be accompanied by a Parent to register for any one of the Class Sessions

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Enjoy the Arts: FREE and AL FRESCO!

SHAKESPEARE SUMMER THEATRE: "The Merry Wives of Windsor," at the Sylvan Stage at the Washington Monument. Opens on July 17 and runs through August 15, evenings.

TOWER MUSIC ON THE MALL: Every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 PM, from NOW thru Labor Day, wander down along the Mall, from the Smithsonian to the Museum of Natural History, and, while enjoying compositions of brass ensemble music, watch the art show in the heavens above.

SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL: A series of motion pictures is being held indoors at the Mt. Pleasant D.C. Library, 16th & Lamont Sts., NW, on Wednesday afternoons, at 2 PM, thru July 21.

NOTE: A schedule of films to be shown in this series may be obtained from any D.C. Public Library Agency.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY: "Profile of Poverty," at the Museum of History and Technology. This is not "enjoyable," but very moving, and unfortunately, FACT not FICTION!

REMBRANDT's magnificent painting of his son "Titus," remains on view at the National Gallery of Art throughout August. The sum of \$2.2 million was paid for this painting, and has been loaned by the owner to the National Gallery for its first exhibition in the U.S.

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HOME RULE ????

- *Should DC residents have self-government?
- *Is the type of government, by Congressional Committees, meeting the city's needs?

HEAR A DISCUSSION BY:

PRO - MRS. RICHARD C. SIMONSON,
The Washington Home Rule Committee

CON - AN INVITED REPRESENTATIVE
The Washington Board of Trade

ON - What is Home Rule?
Will Taxes go up?
What about the Race Problem?
Isn't this a FEDERAL City?

RIVER PARK SOUTH BUILDING COMMON ROOM

Address: 1311 Delaware Ave., SW

Date: Tuesday, June 22

Time: 8 P.M.

Heliport
in SW
10th + "G" Sts.

- *** THE RIA has granted a Firm a 30-day Lease, which is renewable, and until such time as another site is found
- *** Helicopters will serve passengers at Dulles and Friendship Airports
- *** They are small helicopters, and Firm says they are not as noisy as those now operating in Washington
- ****Main Route of Helicopters along the Southwest Freeway, says Firm
- *** TOWN HOUSE Residents in area of 10th & "G" Sts. claim that another Firm offering SIGHTSEEING HELICOPTER TOURS will share this Heliport
- MAIN OBJECTION of SW residents is the additional noise factor brought into SW



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Southwest Assembly Election This Tuesday

This Tuesday elections will be held for the four elected offices of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Southwest's civic organization.

The election will be held January 25 at the meeting hall of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, at the corner of M Street and Delaware Avenue. As usual, the meeting will begin at 8 p.m. with coffee being served beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The nominating committee, in accord with a directive from this year's executive board of the Assembly, has come up with a list of 10 Southwest residents. Any one on this list can be nominated for any post. This list is for bringing names of Southwest residents to the attention of Southwest and is not intended to exclude anyone from being nominated from the floor.

Nominating Committee chairman, John Sandor, of River Park, gave this list to the Southwester before he was able to check all those named as to their willingness to serve. The list also included the names of Neal Peirce of Capitol Park and Joseph Lattimore of Half Street, but the two sent word to the Southwester that they wouldn't run.

The ten named in alphabetical order:

Lanng Beran, of River Park
Nathan Bernstein, of Tiber Island
Russell Bradley, of Town Center
Dr. Donald P. Conwell, of River Park
Barney Farber, of Capitol Park
David Glancy, of River Park
Virginia Keith, of Greenleaf Gardens
Dr. Edwin Maxwell, of Capitol Park
Mr. Roberts, of Town Center
John Sandor, of River Park

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Santa Maria sails to SW.

Shopping Center preferences.

Progress on Texaco's sign.

SW House Credit Union expands.

FOURTH STREET REPAVING ANTICIPATED SHORTLY

Officials of the Redevelopment Land Agency, Southwest's urban renewal agency, indicate that Fourth Street south of "M" Street will be repaved shortly. RLA is about to let the contract for the repaving.

Original testing and plans for Fourth Street indicated that a basic re-making of the roadway would not be needed. Consequently, now that most of the construction of projects along Fourth Street has been completed, RLA has decided to go ahead with repaving the street.

The job will probably take four, maybe five months to complete, RLA officials indicated. Not until Fourth Street has been repaved will RLA, the Park Service and the District Highway Department block all traffic on the extension of Maine Avenue that now circles the southwest corner of Chalk House West.

Santa Maria
Coming to SW

When Christopher Columbus' Santa Maria sails up the Potomac River early in March, it will dock at Southwest's waterfront for what's hoped to be a permanent berth.
Of course, Christopher Columbus won't be in it. In fact, it won't even be his original Santa Maria, but the ship is the most exact replica of the famous craft that tradition says was first to find America.
Faithfully reproduced and built according to the old Spanish shipbuilding traditions, Southwest's Santa Maria is the brainchild and fascination of Tiber Island resident Lawrence Vineburgh.
Vineburgh's apartment looks out over the old pier where the Santa Maria will be located--and he's making every effort to provide a pleasant landscaped surrounding for his ship. It will be open to the public for inspection; adults 75c, children 50c.
Vineburgh says he and his wife "hope to be in Southwest for the rest of our lives." A "bug" on the history of Christopher Columbus for the past 30 years, Vineburgh had the replica built in the yards of Astilleros Cardona in Barcelona, Spain--the 626th wooden vessel to be built by the Cardona family in over 100 years of operation.
Vineburgh says he hopes to be able to hire Southwest residents, preferably retired people, to staff his combination museum and ship. On board he has twelve, three-dimensional dioramas to illustrate the story of Christopher Columbus. And he hopes to be able to use the structure on Southwest's dock to show movies.
A special educational brochure for use by school children (and teachers) has been prepared so that students can not only experience the Santa Maria but also make it part of the learning experience. His brochure includes a bibliography and other teaching aids.
Construction of the Santa Maria replicat was supervised for authenticity by Co. Howard Chappelle, Chief of the Naval & Transportation Section of the Smithsonian Institution. Overall, the 110-ton vessel is 80 feet long, 75 feet at waterline, and bears a 25-foot beam.
The Santa Maria was exhibited at the New York World's Fair.
Vineburgh says the vessel's equipment "from sandbox cooker to lamps, wine

RENEWAL AT SOUTH CAPITOL

Negotiations are continuing with officials of Texaco, RLA officials said, to arrive at a satisfactory re-design of the proposed sign at the corner of "M" Street and South Capitol.
Texaco was to have re-submitted another design at a lower height than originally approved. After the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly brought the tall sign to public attention, Texaco officials agreed to halt construction and work toward another design.

EMPLOYMENT HELP

The Employment Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is now being headed by Nathan Bernstein, of Tiber Island. If you're seeking a job in Southwest, or have a job opening within Southwest, he can be contacted at Bernstein's Licquor Store, LI 4-2789.

REPAYERS' CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Shortly before Christmas, the Repayers Club of Southwest Washington held a Christmas party at St. Matthew's Church hall. Food was provided by Hogates' Restaurant and local merchants.
Representatives of various civic organizations within Southwest spoke to the group of about 120 unemployed men, from such organizations as the Fourth Police Precinct, the Police Advisory Council, the National Conference of Christians & Jews, and the Southwest Community Council.
Dr. E. Paul Benoit, of the Operations Research & Planning Division of the District's Vocational Rehabilitation Department addressed the group. His Department is providing assistance to the group for employment, recreational and social services.

kegs, water barrels, guns, cannons and falconetters" were duplicated and forged with tools and arts of the period. Its flags, pennants and sails were woven to be dyed and sewn just as they were in 1492.

Citizens Respond to Shopping Center Questions

More than 200 replies to last November's questionnaire about what services Southwest residents hoped to see in the new Town Center Shopping Center were received by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Below is a tabulation, by percentages of answers to the specific questions, to indicate the various choices of Southwesterners.
The results of this questionnaire have been forwarded to Bresler & Reiner, owners of the Town Center Shopping Center, for their consideration. Construction of the project, which will include scores of shops, stores, bazaars and professional offices, is anticipated for early this fall. The architectural plan, by Chloethiel Woodard Smith & Associates, calls for a three-level shopping center with a central courtyard and 100% underground parking.

NOTE: Not everyone answered each item. Percentages are of answers per item.

Table with 10 columns: Item, Great, Occasional, None, No Ans., and a category label. Rows include Restaurants (Fancy, Moderate, Inexpensive), Coffee House, Movies (Regular, Art films, Ice skating, Billiards, TV-radio sales, Hardward, Catalogue, Toy Shop, Gift Shop), and various food stores (Speciality foods, Delicatessan, Bakery, Dairy, Meats, Candy, Gourmet, Materials, sewing, Draperies shop, Furniture Outlet, Standard, Decorator Modern, Clothing Branches, Discount, Men's Speciality, Women's, Children's, Barber, Hairdresser, Book Shop, Newspapers, back shop, Short-order diner).

* Interest expressed by more than 50%.
** Great interest expressed by more than 50%.

Here are the preferences listed for food stores:

- A & P - 61
Giant - 105
Larmers - 1
Grand Union - 5
Jumbo - 1
International Safeway - 7
Food Fair - 4
Korvette - 1
Consumer's Discount or Coop - 7
Anything but Safeway - 1
Kroger's - 1
Acme - 3
Penn Fruit - 1
Unspecified - 6

SOUTHWEST HOUSE CREDIT UNION EXPANDS ITS SERVICES

The Southwest House Federal Credit Union is enlarging the scope of its services to provide aid for more of the community. The Board of Directors, with its Education Committee, will enlist the support of churches, businessmen and other organizations in its current membership drive.

The Credit Union's office hours are being extended on Saturdays. Located at 201-A "N" Street, the Southwest House FCU is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1-7 p.m.

Housing, Renewal

The Renewal & Housing Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is now being headed by Albin Koch, of Tiber Island, whose home telephone number is 554-4476. His task force handles matters of concern to Southwest involving housing and urban renewal plans.

BOWEN P.T.A. AIDS PATROL BOYS

A recent funds drive through selling pecan candy rolls throughout Southwest has swelled the treasury of the Bowen PTA so that new raincoats can now be purchased for its patrol boys. PTA president Mrs. Thomas thanks all those who helped make the drive a success.

A SERVICE OFFERED BY CHURCHES OF THE SOUTHWEST TO THE COMMUNITY

"SOUTHWEST GUIDANCE AND CONSULTATION CLINIC"

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR

- help in personal problems?
- counselling or psychiatric resources available?
- competent marriage counselor?
- help for an alcoholic problem?
- or just a friend who will listen?

This service offered by local churches is set up to give people the help they need in personal crisis. It is not a counselling service but is designed as a bridge between personal problems and authoritative, professional help by church and secular groups.

The service is free and exclusive of the regular pastoral ministry of local churches.

WHO? Clergy from the following churches —

Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle
Christ Methodist Church
Friendship Baptist Church
Fifth Baptist Church
Second Baptist Church
St. Dominic's Catholic Church
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Southwest Hebrew Congregation

WHERE? Rental Office, Capitol Park
800 4th Street, off lobby, South Building

WHEN? From 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

HOW? By phoning ST 3-4444 and asking for an appointment with the Clinic.

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Southwest's Anti-Poverty War

WHO: Gary Bellow, UPO, and

Raymond Bady, SW House

WHAT: Will talk on SW Poverty

WHERE: Lutheran hall, M & Del. Ave.

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m.

WHY: SW Neighborhood Assembly guests

Is Southwest a poverty area?

What new poverty programs are available for Southwest residents, and what might they do?

How can concerned residents from all parts of Southwest become involved in the various anti-poverty programs?

These and other questions will be answered this Thursday evening, Feb. 24, when the Deputy Director of the United Planning Organization, Gary Bellow, and the director of Southwest's Community House speak to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at the Lutheran hall, M & Delaware Avenue.

This month's meeting will begin at 8 p.m. with coffee being served beginning at 7:30 p.m. so Southwest neighbors can chat before the meeting.

UPO executive Bellow will explain the various programs available for Washington. Before joining UPO, Mr. Bellow, 34, was Deputy Director of the Legal Aid Society. He's a graduate of Harvard Law School and received his bachelor's degree from Yale.

Mr. Bady will explain the role of Southwest House in anti-poverty efforts. He has been a case worker at Boys Village, Cheltenham, Md., and at Patuxent Institution, Jessup, Md. A graduate of West Virginia State College, he received his master's degree in social work from Catholic University.

FARBER ELECTED ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN; TASK FORCE CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

Barney Farber was elected chairman of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at last month's meeting. He is a resident of Capitol Park, an employee of the Finance Division of the District government, and a former Program Task Force chairman.

Chairman Farber was elected, 55-51, over Dr. Donald P. Conwell, River Park resident and former Health & Welfare Task Force chairman. Dr. Conwell, who was prevented by illness from attending the election meeting, had been supported by the incumbent Assembly chairman, Joseph Latimore.

Elected Assembly officers at the same meeting: Co-chairman Mrs. Virginia Keich, Greenleaf Gardens, and former co-chairman of the Program Task Force; Secretary Miss Joan Donnelly, Capitol Park; Treasurer Dr. Donald Conwell.

TASK FORCE CHAIRMEN NAMED

Chairman Farber has nominated the following Southwest residents to be chairmen of the Assembly's various Task Forces, subject to ratification by the Assembly at this month's meeting:

Education -- Dr. Ralph Wittenberg, 211 G St.; Junior Auxiliary -- Mary Ann Bailer, 605 H St.; Health & Welfare -- Dr. David Dabney, 465 M St., and Lucia Rapley, 1311 Delaware Ave.; Housing & Planning -- Al Koch, 1245 4th St.; Participation -- Clara Brewer, 207 M St.; Recreation -- Leon Fields, 116 O St.; Special Assignments -- Nicholas Tomasulo, 707 3rd St.



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Boy's Club of Greater Washington and Boy Scouts Show Interest in Southwest

WHO: Oliver Thompson of Boys' Club
Lawrence O. Price of Boy Scouts
WHAT: Talk on Plans for Southwest
WHERE: Lutheran Hall, Delaware & M
WHEN: Thursday, May 26, 8 p.m.

This month's Neighborhood Assembly meeting features two speakers who have a mutual topic to discuss — Boys.

Oliver Thompson of the Eastern Branch of the Boys' Club of Greater Washington will explain how the Southwest can benefit by forming an extension of the Boys' Club in this area.

The Club would provide a variety of recreational and educational activities for the boys in Southwest.

Lawrence O. Price, of the Boy Scouts of America, National Capital Area Council, plans to tell the story of the Boy Scouts and their program. He also will show a short film.

Both of these gentlemen represent organizations that devote their efforts to working with boys. They both plan to present their respective programs with the purpose of interesting the Assembly in helping them reach more boys in the Southwest.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the Lutheran Hall, Delaware Avenue and M Street. Coffee is served at 7:30 p.m. so Southwest neighbors will have the opportunity to visit before the meeting.

Recreation Task Force Schedules Summer Program

Four recreational programs are being scheduled by the Neighborhood Assembly's Recreation Task Force.

According to Leon Fields and Bob Martin, Task Force Chairmen, there will be baseball teams, girl's bowling league, an open basketball tournament, and formation of a Southwest extension to Boys' Club of Greater Washington.

The SW Assembly will provide uniforms and coaches for seven baseball teams which will play in D.C. Rec Department's Walter Johnson League.

The girl's bowling league will consist of ten teams of five girls each, bowling one morning each week at the local alley in the Shopping Center.

The basketball tournament will be held at the latter part of the Summer and will be open to any D. C. team.

The Eastern Branch of Boys' Club of Greater Washington would like to form an extension in Southwest and plans are being formed for this program.

Anyone interested in helping in these activities should contact Leon Fields or Bob Martin.

Health and Welfare Task Force Reports

The Health and Welfare Task Force is holding conferences with officials of the Welfare Department to avoid any conflict regarding Southwest Welfare recipients who may be participating in the Community Development Program.

According to Dr. David Dabney, Task Force Chairman, any Welfare recipient should be aware that certain job categories in the Community Development Program do not prevent his or her receiving a salary in that same program.

A list of non-conflict jobs is being prepared and will be available at Southwest Community House.

Medical screening of children for the Head Start Program in Southwest reveals that the two major health problems are:

- 1) malnutrition
- 2) anemia

"The results of the medical screening of these children," Dr. Dabney stated, "indicates that preventive health services of Southwest children are solely lacking and reflects the neglect and inadequacies of community facilities dealing with these problems."

A full report on the matter is being sent to officials of the D. C. Health Department.

Fort McNair To Hold Memorial Day Services

Fort McNair has extended an invitation to all Southwest residents to attend Memorial Day Services. The ceremony will be held at noon at the flag pole.

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY
EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO
THE REV. JESSE BROWN
UPON THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE

Rental Problems Community Action Workers

Chairman Al Koch of the Housing and Planning Task Force has requested the following statement of his be included in this issue:

National Capital Housing Authority has not yet acted on his informal request that NCHA reconsider the recent rental increases assessed against residents of Public Housing who are Neighborhood Workers in the Community Action Program. Apparently, this reluctance stems from the NCHA staff rather than its director, since at the Assembly's March meeting Walter Washington expressed sympathy for this request.

The House Committee on Education and Labor also expressed sympathy with the Neighborhood Workers' plight in its report in the 1965 amendments to the Poverty Program. There it was said:

".....the committee expects that local housing authorities will act in accordance with this authorization....."

It is difficult to understand why NCHA has failed so far to heed this strong expression of Congressional sentiment. If such favorable action is not forthcoming soon, further assembly action may become necessary.

Food and Clothing Bank Established at S. W. House

The Southwest Neighborhood Action Committee (SNAC) has established a Food and Clothing Bank under the Consumer Action Program, one of the major services set up to fight the War on Poverty.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has been asked to assist in this program and Chairman Barney Farber suggests that those who wish to contribute to the Food and Clothing Bank, get in touch with Victoria Everette, Consumer Advisor. Her headquarters are in the Southwest Neighborhood Development Center at 1307 South Capitol.

Chairman's Corner-----

With the Summer approaching, much emphasis is being made on recreation programs for SW youth. We are working closely with the D.C. Recreation Department to provide an expanded and aggressive schedule of activities.

With the help of D.C. Rec., we plan to provide periodic entertainment in Lansburgh Park such as movies, hootenays, and band concerts as additional to the program of the Recreation Task Force and Junior Auxiliary.

The SW Assembly will be conducting a fund raising campaign to finance all these activities. Despite the fact that other solicitations have been made in SW in recent months, we urge you to give generously.

National Capital Parks still plans to open sealed bids May 24th for the Randall swimming pool. Price quotes are being provided for both a 60 day and a 150 day completion period. If the 60 day quote does not exceed allotted funds, there is still hope that we will have a pool around August 1, 1966.

As always, we are in need of serious and consistent volunteers for carrying out the varied activities of the Assembly. Contact me if you are interested in contributing your time to the betterment of SW.

(Signed)

Barney Farber
SWNA Chairman

Summer Camp Time Near

Do you want your son to go to camp this summer?

Capt. William G. Farran, 4th Precinct Commanding Officer, has announced that it will again be possible for boys in the Southwest to attend the Metropolitan Police Boys' Club Summer Camp. Get your application in early. All summer campers will be signed up on a first come; first served basis.

If any boy is in summer school, it is possible to attend later. Be sure and indicate this fact on your application.

Application blanks are available at SW Community House or the 4th Precinct Metropolitan Police Department.

Library Park Clean Up Beautification

The cluttered and unsafe condition of the uncleared land adjoining the new library, has been brought to the attention of the Redevelopment Land Agency.

Thomas Appleby, executive director of RLA, immediately gave assurance that the property would be cleared.

Engineering representatives have already inspected the area, bids have been prepared and machinery will soon be digging up the remains of a forgotten street and the debris of former slums.

Jane Lashley has been the Special Representative of the Assembly working with RLA in getting the library property cleared.

Assembly Chairman Barney Farber has announced that beautification of the land adjoining the library and other areas in the Southwest, will be carried out under the direction of Jane Lashley and Bob Martin.

With the Assembly cooperating with the firmly established — and highly regarded — First Lady's Committee for a More Beautiful Capital, it will be possible to achieve greater and more lasting beautification results.

Mrs. Johnson's Beautification Program is much more than just planting flowers on the Mall. The main purpose of the program is the working together of people for improvement of surroundings by cleaning up debris; exterminating rats and roaches; repairing property inside and out and planting trees, shrubs, grass and flowers. The Beautification Program has provided many boys with employment and with the opportunity to become landscape experts.

Hundreds of successful beautification projects in the capital have been completed because of the interest and ability of Walter Washington, executive director of NCHA and member of Mrs. Johnson's Committee, and his talented staff.

The first main target of the Assembly for beautification, will be the blighted, neglected South Capitol Street area.

S.W. Assembly "Speaks Up" on Traffic Problems

At the Traffic Safety Conference in the District Building on May 11th, Southwest Assembly representatives voiced their opinions on traffic problems in this area.

Max Honemond and Bob Martin of the Southwest Assembly say that several suggestions were drawn up after consultation with representatives of the 4th Police Precinct.

Some ideas dealt with alleviation of traffic congestion at the intersection of the Southwest Freeway and Route 1 as well as over the South Capitol Street Bridge.

Traffic safety needs constant attention. Anyone aware of situations in our area that warrant attention should contact the Assembly Chairman.

Benefit Dinner Dance is Scheduled

A benefit dinner dance will be given for Southwest Community House at the Skyline Inn on June 11th. Honorary Chairmen are Representative and Mrs. Roman C. Pucinski and Governor and Mrs. Andrew F. Brimmer. The former is from Illinois and serves on the House District Committee while the latter is on the Federal Reserve Board. Dutch treat bar is at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each. If you are interested in attending, call Betty Carter at 737-1214.

Junior Auxiliary Opens Coffee House In S.W.

The SW Assembly Junior Auxiliary is sponsoring a Coffee House for the youth of Southwest. Mary Ann Bailer, Task Force Chairman, and Tina Orman report that St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 6th & M Street, SW, has offered to provide space in their basement for the young people.

The Coffee House will be open every Saturday night, beginning June 4th at 8:30 p.m.

Teenage entertainers are wanted. If you can sing, act, or play a musical instrument and want a chance to perform before an audience, the Coffee House needs you. Auditions will be held May 28.

Contact Byron Bailer (554-4034) or Nancy Driver (554-0020).

Head Start Program Under Way at St. Matthews

The Southwest Head Start Program is now under way at St. Matthews Lutheran Church.

There are 120 children enrolled in the program with 100 on the waiting list. The ages of the children are from 3 to 5. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 60 attending in the morning and 60 in the afternoon.

The children are fed and taken on field trips as part of the program.

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February, 1968

SW to be first in POLICE PRECINCT CONSOLIDATION

On Thursday, February 29, D. C. Public Safety Director Patrick V. Murphy will address the S. W. Neighborhood Assembly on plans to merge Southwest's 4th Police Precinct with the 1st Precinct, located in police headquarters at 300 Indiana Ave., Northwest.

Murphy, who serves as the District's first Public Safety Director, was appointed to the new post by Mayor Walter Washington last December. Murphy recently stated that he will be making most of the policy decisions in the Metropolitan Police Department.

The D. C. City Council on February 6 tabled the question of consolidating the 1st and 4th precincts for further study and until Murphy can respond to citizen questions and complaints about the proposal.

A reduction in the number of D. C. police precincts from 14 to 6 was strongly advocated last year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the D.C. Crime Commission.

Mayor Washington recently requested the City Council to approve the pilot merger of precincts #1 and #4 in an effort to determine the consolidations' impact on the community and to identify and overcome any resulting problems.

However, the Council chose to table this request after 11 citizen groups, including Southwest's 4th police precinct Citizen's Advisory Council, strongly opposed consolidation plans at the City Council meeting Feb. 6.

They argued that the proposed consolidation of precincts from 14 to 6 would be harmful to police-community relations and to the good citizen-police rapport which has been built up through the precinct advisory councils, which are composed of businessmen and area residents.

Murphy has questioned if the councils truly represent the people served by the precincts, particularly the poor.

A representative of the D. C. Policemen's Association told the City Council that consolidation would move policemen further away from the people, require footmen to walk greater distances, and eliminate familiarity of the police with citizens.

The proposed consolidation was a key proposal in the D. C. Crime Commission report on the D.C. police department, which the Commission said was "under-protecting" the city.

A position paper prepared by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) says that by eliminating eight precincts the city could put a minimum of 144 additional policemen on the street who are now doing desk work.

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Assembly Elects Officers

Joan Burt new Chairman

Miss Joan Burt, an Asst. U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, was elected 1968 Chairman of the S.W. Neighborhood Assembly at its January meeting.

Formerly Managing Attorney for the Neighborhood Legal Services program of S.W. House, Miss Burt has been a resident of Southwest for nearly three years.

She moved to Washington from Brooklyn, New York, about ten years ago and graduated from Howard University and Howard Law School.

In 1966, Miss Burt was a delegate of the U. S. Youth Council to a six-week conference in India and spent two weeks with conferees touring Europe and the Middle East.

She has served as Nat'l. Committeewoman of the Young Democratic Clubs of D. C. and as an elected board member of the S. W. Education Advisory Board.

Also elected to office at the January meeting were Mrs. Ruth MacKell, to serve as Co-Chairman; Mr. John Karr, Secretary; and Mr. Ed Austin, Treasurer.

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S.W. Neighborhood Assembly

MEETING — FEB. 29 — 8 pm

River Park Apts. meeting room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW

Speaker: PATRICK MURPHY

D.C. Public Safety Director

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Police, court.

The IACP report points
out that studies have shown
that only 2% of complaints
made to the police are made
at precinct stations.

The report states: "The
basic and fundamental reason
for consolidation of the pol-
ice stations is to increase
police protection to the pub-
lic."

It continues, "If the
IACP did not conscientiously
feel that the reduction of
stations would substantially
increase police protection,
we would not advocate such a
change in spite of the econo-
mic advantages which may also
be gained."

The IACP estimates that
the city would save \$1,144,400
a year through the reduction.

Police Chief John B.
Layton, who supports the con-
solidation proposal, is said
to think it is essential for
a more efficient and better
controlled police force.

"A great number of pre-
cinct stations creates com-
plex problems in the organ-
ization, administration, con-
trol and coordination of a
police agency," the report
says.

According to the IACP,
the three most prominent pol-
ice administration texts are
in agreement that the number
of police stations should be
kept to an absolute minimum.

Municipal Police Admin-
istration, published by the
International City Managers
Association, states, "The com-
plexity of decentralized oper-
ations may result in loosened
controls and diminished effec-
tiveness."

Apparently, the trend
to reduce city precinct sta-
tions is nationwide.

A consolidation program
in Chicago reduced their 41
stations to 21. Baltimore,
with 939,000 residents, has
9 stations; and Los Angeles
has 16 for its population of
over two million.

Dallas has five police
precinct stations, and Cleve-
land has six. Both have lar-
ger populations than Washing-
ton.

However, citizens here
want their 14 precincts. Many
fear that an efficient police
department will not be close
to the public. And they are
not convinced that consolida-
tion will bring about a more
effective force.

Mr. Murphy will have an
opportunity to try to change
their minds at the meeting on
February 29.

AMENDMENTS

TO BY-LAWS

The Assembly will consider two amendments to our By-Laws at our meeting on February 29.

The proposed amendments would create two new officer positions -- a second adult vice chairmanship and a youth vice chairmanship.

Both amendments were read at the January meeting and may be approved or rejected this month.

The first amendment provides for the addition of a second adult chairman. Currently we elect a Chairman, a Co-Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer.

If the new amendment does pass, we will have two "vice chairman" instead of the one "co-chairman."

This amendment was introduced because of the large number of qualified candidates in the last election and because of the view that the Assembly could function better with five adult officers.

The second amendment was submitted upon the recommendation of S.W. teenager Howard Lloyd, who is the chairman of the S.W. Neighborhood Planning Council.

The Assembly sponsors the activities of a Jr. Assembly, which is composed of area teenagers. However, the youth of Southwest currently have no voice on the Executive Committee and S.W. residents under the age of 18 cannot vote for Assembly officers.

Mr. Lloyd pointed out at the December meeting that the teenagers of S. W. are active in the community and should be permitted participation on the Executive Committee.

The Youth vice chairmanship would be a temporary position, on a trial basis, for one year. Only S.W. residents between the ages of 16 and 18 would be permitted to vote for candidates for this position, and to serve in the position.

The new youth vice chairman would vote on the Executive Committee only on matters pertaining specifically to the youth of Southwest.

If these amendments pass the Assembly at the February meeting, the elections for the new offices will be held at the Assembly's March meeting.

Assembly Officers con't.

Our new Co-Chairman, Mrs. Ruth MacKell, grew up in the Southwest and attended the old George Bell Elementary School, which was located at 2nd & E Streets, S. W. and Randall Jr. High School.

Mrs. MacKell moved away from Southwest at the time of urban renewal, but returned in 1963 to make her home here again. She is an Education Aide at Southwest House.

John Karr, our new secretary, is serving his third term as President of River Park cooperative. He is one of the incorporators and founders of the 1000 Friends of Southwest House.

An attorney in private practice, Karr is a member of the firm Ruben, Karr and Barrett.

New treasurer Ed Austin is the owner of the Daco Heating and Fuel Oil Company. He has served as treasurer of the River Park Mutual Homes, and as a Board member of Southwest House and the Southwest Federal Credit Union.

Chairman Burt has already called upon the outgoing officers for assistance in the coming year.

Al Koch, former Chairman, who was recently named a partner in the law firm of Silverstein and Mullen, will serve as a Special Assignments Task Force Chairman.

Darwin Stolzenback, former treasurer, and George Jackson, former co-chairman, will head the Housing and Planning Task Force.

Jan Eichhorn, former secretary, has been appointed Editor of The SouthWester.

These and all other Task Force Chairmanships must be approved by the Assembly at our February meeting.

SW Has Lowest Crime Rate in DC

Southwest's 4th police precinct has the lowest crime rate in the city, according to commanding officer Captain Theodore Zanders.

Zanders said that crime is rising all across the U.S. and in every precinct in the District. The increase in SW is approximately 31% over the previous year.

However, Zanders pointed out that statistics show that crime in S. W. had decreased in December, 1967, 21.3% from December, 1966. He expects a decline for January, 1968 over January, 1967 when the figures are computed.

Captain Zanders supports the reorganization of police precincts. "It is based on better service to the public," he said.

The present compliment of the Fourth Precinct is 66 officials and officers.

The First Precinct, with which the Fourth may be merged, has 122 officials and officers. It ranks 8th in crimes reported in 1966.

However, the First precinct is made up largely of commercial, downtown Washington and the majority of its crimes are larcenies from the business premises.

Asked about the problem for footmen if larger police precincts are created, Zanders said that he has very few footmen.

"Departments have to become mobile in order to perform the service required," he said.

"Patrol cars are supposed to function as footmen on wheels," Zanders said. "They do perform footmen functions."

Deadline for March issue of The SouthWester: March 10

AGENDA FOR FEB. 29 MEETING OF ASSEMBLY

1. Discussion of police precinct consolidation proposal
2. Consideration of proposed amendments to Assembly By-Laws (see report this issue)
3. Consideration of financial assistance to Carrollburg Block Clubs and Syphax preschool program
4. Appointment of Task Force Chairmen of Assembly
5. Discussion of question of need for better public transportation for Southwest

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gin at 7:30 p.m., are sponsore-
d by the S. W. Police Precinct
#4 Boy's Club.

SYPHAX PARENTS PLAN PRESCHOOL

The Syphax area of Southwest, which has never lacked
for dynamic leadership, is now running with the ball on
plans to create a preschool for area children. Mrs. Vivian
Smith, Chairman of the Syphax Tennants Council, and Mrs.
Altee Adkins, Education Specialist of Southwest House, are
now trying to secure adequate space and equipment for the
school, which they hope will open in March.

The school also has the
support and cooperation of
Mrs. Vivian Rhone, Co-Chair-
man of the Syphax Neighborhood
Council.

Recently, a group of the
parents met with Mr. George
Minor, of the National Capital
Housing Administration.

Mr. Minor approved their
use of the basement recreation
room at 1510 1st Street, S. W.

Mrs. Smith believes that
this space is not large enough
for the number of children to
be enrolled in the school.

The parents hope that lar-
ger quarters can be secured by
late spring from NCHA.

However, they are proceed-
ing with plans to open the pre-
school at 1510 1st Street, as
soon as tables and chairs can
be purchased.

One reason for the need
for larger space, Mrs. Smith
said, is their wish to conduct
a class for retarded children.

YMCA

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CLASS

The S. W. branch of the
YMCA will sponsor a course in
Judo, Karate and self-defense
for women.

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For further information,
contact Mr. Mack Thomas, at
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